

MAIN LIBRARY
 2315 Memorial Ave.
 Lynchburg, VA 24501
 Circulation, Renewals,
 Returns, Library Cards
 455-6300
 Reference and Information
 455-6310
 Youth Services
 455-6320
 Administration and
 Technical Services
 455-6330
 Volunteer Program
 455-6330

LIBRARY HOURS
 Main
 Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
 9:30 AM-5:30 PM
 Tues., Thurs.
 9:30 AM-9:00 PM

Downtown Branch
 Mon.- Fri.
 9:30 AM-5:30 PM

CLOSED
 Monday, May 31
 Memorial Day

**DOWNTOWN BRANCH
 AND LAW LIBRARY**
 900 Church Street
 Lynchburg, VA 24504
 455-3820
www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary

Holiday Activities from Youth Services

@ your library™

There are still two craft workshops left during the Spring season.

DURING SPRING BREAK

Springtime Craft Workshop
 Wednesday, April 14, 2-4 p.m.

AND DON'T FORGET MOM!

Mother's Day Craft Workshop
 Saturday, May 8, 2-4 p.m.

The workshops are free and open to children of all ages. We have all of the materials, so just bring your creativity.

Exterior Changes @ your library™

To increase pedestrian safety and make the main library generally more inviting, crosswalks were added to the parking lot and new exterior lighting fixtures installed. The unobtrusive brown fixtures are across the front of the library, on the meeting room side and over the Jones Library sidewalk. The lights will illuminate the sidewalks and about 15 feet out from the building.

To keep the fire lane accessible in case of an emergency, **parking under the trees on the library side of the parking lot barriers is not permitted.** Please park in designated parking spaces only. There are a number of parking spaces not far from the building that are designated for handicapped patrons.

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THE PROPOSED

IMPACT ON LIBRARY SERVICES

Lynchburg faces an unprecedented Budget shortfall in FY 2005. Along with all other city departments, the library was ordered to significantly reduce expenses in FY 2005.

The library's plan reduces hours to meet the *minimum requirements* to maintain eligibility for *State Aid to Public Libraries*. (In FY 2004, this library's *State Aid* is \$189,741).

State Aid requires the main library be open at least 40 hours a week, including Saturdays, and at least 3 evening hours; it is now open 55 hours. Reducing hours to meet these minimum requirements cuts library expenses by 7.8%, or \$140,000. The savings are in staff: 5 FTE's (full time equivalents) will be eliminated.

The City Manager's **Proposed FY 2005 Budget** recommends this reduction. The final decision rests with City Council, who will vote on the FY 2005 Budget on May 11. If approved, the changes will be effective July 1, 2004.



FY 2005 CITY BUDGET

IMPACT OF REDUCED FUNDING ON LIBRARY HOURS AND SERVICES

Main Library: 27% cut in hours, major service reductions

- Open 40 hours a week instead of 55
 - Closed Mondays
 - Closed Tuesday mornings
 - Closed Thursday evenings
- 55 hours of weekly activity will be compressed into 40 hours
 - Longer waits for service and materials
 - 33% reduction in youth programs
 - 134 fewer programs; 4,800 fewer children served
 - No Toddler Times and/or fewer Story Times
 - 30 fewer staff visits to private and public pre-schools
 - 6 fewer Summer Reading Program activities
- Public Internet access cut by 27% (affecting 360 users/week)
- No adult computer classes (1,800 students in FY 2003)
- Homework/research hours cut, less time for in-library assistance
 - Affects homeschoolers, students of all ages
- No telephone reference when library is closed



Branch Library and Public Law Library: 66% cut in hours, major service reductions:

Open 12 hours a week instead of 40
 Closed Mondays and Fridays; limited hours other days
 Public Internet access cut by 66% (affecting 75 users/week)
 Public Internet sessions cut to 30 minutes (from 60)
 Public Law Library – open limited hours, major service reductions

ALTERNATIVE: Close the branch library, saving an additional \$16,600

For complete Budget information, both libraries have hard copies, or visit the City web site: www.lyncburgva.gov

Friends Board Meeting Schedule:

The meetings for the remainder of 2004 are as follows:
 June 8,
 September 14,
 and November 9,
 in the
 Community Room of the
 Lynchburg Public Library
 at 12 noon.
 All members are welcome to attend.



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LYNCHBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY SELECTED STATISTICS FY 2003		
Lynchburg population	65,269	
Registered library borrowers	28,620	(43% of population)
Total circulation	466,092	
Adult	231,986	
Youth	234,106	
Daily visits (main library)	800	
(branch library)	70	
PUBLIC SERVICES		
Reference transactions	41,762	
Inter-library loans		
Borrowed from other libraries	667	
Loaned to other libraries	750	
Youth programs (and attendance)	389	(15,718)
Electronic resources		
Visits to library web page	12,350	
Internet users	47,816	
Articles viewed, downloaded		
or printed from database	12,010	
Gates PC lab students	1,800	
Outreach to seniors (sites and items)	21	(128 visits/7,114 items)
Volunteers	105	(4,286 hours)
Value	\$92,333	
COLLECTIONS and ADMINISTRATION		
Total items owned	160,354	
Books	143,049	
Audios and CDs	4,617	
Videos	7,491	
Other (microforms, serials, etc.)	5,197	
Total items added	11,226	
Total items withdrawn	8,711	
Staff	31.77 FTE	(est. 20 FT and 20 PT)
Budget (amended FY 2004)		
Total	\$1,377,635	
City	1,066,244	(90% is personnel costs)
State	189,741	
Fines & fees	65,500	
Other	56,150	



Lynchburg “Teen” Reads: E. C. Glass Athletes Read to City 4th and 5th Graders

Approximately 40 athletes from E. C. Glass are joining the efforts to promote reading in the community by visiting every elementary school in Lynchburg. Boys and girls representing the football, baseball, basketball, wrestling, cross country, track and field, soccer, and tennis teams will participate.

Teen athletes will go to every 4th and 5th grade class and read aloud *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka. Paper-back copies of the book will be given to the teens in recognition of their efforts to show the younger students by example that reading is important and can be lots of fun. The teens will be reading to almost 1300 students.

Our thanks to Amy Coutee of the *NEWS & ADVANCE*, who made the connection between the library and the athletes and suggested the collaboration.

The program is in conjunction with Lynchburg Reads.

April is Lynchburg Reads Month *@ your library™*

This year’s **Lynchburg Reads** selection is *The Ballad of Frankie Silver* by Sharyn McCrumb. Based on a true story, the novel weaves the historical tale of Frankie Silver, accused of murdering her husband on a cold December night in 1831, and the fictional tale of modern day Sheriff Spencer Arrowwood of east Tennessee, recalling a murder case at which he testified over 20 years ago. The themes of poverty and justice are explored within an Appalachian setting.

Several activities are planned for **Lynchburg Reads** by the library and area bookstores. The culmination of **Lynchburg Reads** will be the appearance of Sharyn McCrumb and guitarist Jack Hinshelwood at Randolph-Macon Woman’s College at 7:30 PM on April 22.

Specific dates, times, and locations will be found in the calendar elsewhere in the newsletter. Besides book discussions in various locations, the library will be showing the movie “The Ballad of Frankie Silver: Reflections on a Murder.” In keeping with the Appalachian theme, **Monroe Station**, a local bluegrass band, will perform, and **Dr. Gwynn Ramsey**, a local Appalachian storyteller will enthrall us with his stories.

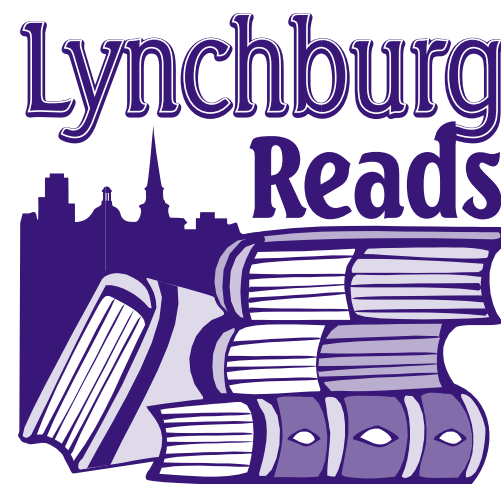
Both libraries have multiple copies of the book as well as other materials of interest. While in the library, pick up a reading guide with discussion questions, author biography, and suggested reading. We hope that you enjoy the book and we hope to see you at some of the many events to be held in April.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN – Computer Classes Continue *@ your library™*

A hiring freeze has been in effect since January. When the Gates Lab Coordinator resigned, we were unable to replace him. The generosity of one volunteer has enabled us to continue to offering computer classes. Elaine Jackson and her husband moved to Lynchburg from northern Virginia about a year ago. Elaine began volunteering in the computer lab. Knowing the freeze on hiring would mean canceling many classes, Elaine volunteered to teach the computer classes. On the average, Elaine teaches 3–5 classes per week. Without her willingness to take over, we would no longer be able to offer the classes. Feedback from people who have taken Elaine’s classes is overwhelmingly positive. She is extremely knowledgeable in the various computer applications, and she conveys this knowledge to the students with patience and friendliness.

If you have taken one or more computer classes, or even if you haven’t, stop in and express your thanks to Elaine for her generosity.

For more information on the computer classes, stop in at the reference desk, or call 455–6310.



“One of our most gifted authors...She has never been better in this masterful blend of fact and fiction, in which men and women - some real, some imaginary, all convincing - play out their lives in a way both tragic and inspiring against the ghost-haunted backdrops of the Appalachians...”
– *The San Diego Union Tribune*

“The Ballad of Frankie Silver” by Sharyn McCrumb

Sheriff Nelse Miller used to say, “These mountains have produced only two murder cases that make me wonder about justice: Frankie Silver and Fate Harkryder.” Sharyn McCrumb’s novel weaves the historical tale of Frankie Silver, accused of murdering her husband on a cold December night in 1831, and the fictional tale of modern day Sheriff Spencer Arrowwood of east Tennessee, recalling the Fate Harkryder murder case at which he testified over 20 years ago. It is too late to save Frankie Silver, but what about Fate Harkryder? If the sheriff learns that the wrong man was convicted, he has very little time to save him.

Read the Book:	“ <i>The Ballad of Frankie Silver</i> ” is available at both branches of the Lynchburg Public Library and many area bookstores.		
Meet the Author:	April 22	7:30 p.m.	Sharyn McCrumb will appear at R-MWC at Smith Hall to speak about her book, including musical accompaniment by guitarist Jack Hinshelwood. <i>(No Admission Fee)</i>
Discuss the Book:	April 13	7:00 p.m.	<i>Bookends</i> , Rt. 221 and Perrowville Road, Forest
	April 14	10:30 a.m.	<i>Bookends</i> , Rt. 221 and Perrowville Road, Forest
	April 20	7:00 p.m.	<i>Givens Books</i> , 2236 Lakeside Drive (please sign up at <i>Givens</i> prior to April 20)
	April 21	1:00 p.m.	<i>Public Library</i> , Community Room, 2315 Memorial Avenue
	April 23	7:00 p.m.	<i>Barnes & Noble</i> , 4040 Wards Road
See the Movie:	April 6 April 13	1:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	The video “The Ballad of Frankie Silver: Reflections on a Murder” will be shown at the <i>Public Library</i>
Bluegrass Music:	April 7	7:30 p.m.	“Monroe Station” will appear for a bluegrass performance at the <i>Public Library</i>
Appalachian Storytelling:	April 16	7:30 p.m.	Dr. Gwynn Ramsey, Appalachian Storyteller, will appear at the <i>Public Library</i>

NOTE: Some local bookstores will be offering discounts or special sales to benefit the Friends of the Library. Check with the individual bookstores to see which offers apply.

A special thank you to *Randolph-Macon Woman's College*, our partner for Sharyn McCrumb's appearance and to *Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library* for their continuing support.

Lynchburg Reads...
connecting people through the experience of literature.



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